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**WEATHER REPORT.**

- Western Oregon and Washington—Rain; possibly part snow.
- Eastern Oregon, Washington, Idaho—Rain or snow, followed by clearing weather.

**CLATSOP-TILLAMOOK ROAD.**

Tillamook people are anxious for highway connection with Astoria and the mouth of the Columbia.

Astoria is equally anxious for the same benefit and it is believed in quarters nearest to such matters, that another year will see the consummation of these desires.

There are two routes under consideration in the two counties: The back-route, running from a point about two miles east of Push in this county to a junction with the road already constructed on the Tillamook side, and to a point on the North Fork of the Nehalem, with the main bridge across that stream. This will make the Buchanan trail available for all who desire to use it coming north. The adoption of this line will leave Clatsop with 13 miles to build, and including bridges and culverts and all materials, will cost in the neighborhood of \$2000 per mile; Tillamook having completed her section to the boundary.

The other, or outside route, follows the ocean beaches from a point to which Clatsop has built on the Elk Creek road, and with a bridge across that creek, will utilize the beach as far south as Arch Rock, leaving one and a half miles for this county to complete to the southerly line; the entire Tillamook section yet to be built by that county; and being equal in scope, 13 miles, to that yet to be constructed by Clatsop on the inside road.

We believe the inside route to be the best, because it will be a permanent, year-round course, while the ocean route is useable only during the summer seasons, owing to the tidal impediments of the winter. The beach line will be wonderfully attractive for tourists and will certainly be built in due time; but the business road is what we want and what Tillamook wants. A quick, direct and always available road that can be used for the interchange of commodities and commerce, and bring the people of the counties into livelier and more constant intercourse, that means something beside mere pleasure-seeking. It is of great importance to all concerned and the courts of both counties will be amply justified in despatching the enterprise as rapidly as possible, as an inter-county highway will mark the unfoldment of new business of value for each of the communities and unify the interests that are now remote and strange for the want of just some such direct communication.

**HARBORS AND SLOUGHS.**

The Portland Oregonian, of Tuesday last, sounded an editorial warning to the shippers of that port in relation to the cramped condition of the Portland harbor and the suggestion that Hill interests might have to go elsewhere on the Willamette or the Columbia for facilities; and, incidentally, admitted that much must be done, and quickly, if the commerce of the "North Bank" road is to be handled out of that city.

The truth of the business is, the river-basin fronting that city has been taxed to its utmost this season with a beggarly half hundred ships and the fear is perfectly natural that unless ample and expansive work is done there by way of widening both the "harbor" and its channels, another season will find its gates shut to a far bigger fleet, and the excess must

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find berthing and docking room here, at the only real harbor in the Columbia Basin.

A harbor that chokes at three scores of ships certainly has limitations that will require millions of money to enlarge; and in the case of Portland there is lacking the inspiration for such enormous expenditure that goes readily in a port that owns from one-half to seven-eighths of the tonnage centering there. Portland owns practically none of the vessels that do business out of there, and the task of remodeling her harbor will be a waiting one, so far as Multnomahs are concerned.

There are but two alternatives to this problem as it presents itself at this time. The shipping must be done at the mouth of the Columbia river; or at any, or all, of the dozen fine harbors in Puget Sound. We shall be glad to take care of anything Portland cannot, and Astoria has room galore for a dozen such fleets as stagger the capacity of that "port." With the Union Pacific (tired of rebating and holding up differentials in favor of the Port of Portland), going over to the Sound to do business on a parity with its rivals, the Hill lines; and the Hill lines coming to Astoria for adequate terminal facilities, Portland is indeed "up in the air."

**EDITORIAL SALAD**

Mr. Bryan impresses all who meet him that he is absolutely confident of election in 1908. So it was in the first and second battles, and will be in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh, etc., etc.

A man in the State of Washington built a \$4000 house last year from the sale of fruit from four acres of apple trees. It is proper to add that he gives his orchard the best possible care.

The secretary of the interior reports that the government has reserved 5,163,552 acres of coal lands in the public domain. Canada has taken the hint, and will make similar reservations.

Pennsylvania's decision that the 2-cent railroad rate is not illegal does not alter the fact that Ohio is picking up a big slice of Pennsylvania business on the strength of the 2-cent arrangement.

A New York woman was scared into withdrawing her money from the bank, and then the adviser proceeded to rob her. In hundreds of cases during the flurry the money taken out of the bank for hoarding was lost.

A member of the New York four hundred says Colonel Watterson would speak of them more highly if he knew any personally. Now will the colonel be good as he gazes and meditates outside on the curbstone.

The British Parliament has a variety of troublesome questions on hand, with the Irish problem for steady company. King Edward took the safe course of saying nothing in the fewest possible words.

In the event of the capture of the anarchist who is trying to blow up the American fleet he should be taken before Admiral Evans for investigation. That would be all the blowing up that any anarchist could desire.

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**ORIGIN OF SEPOY MUTINY**

**Mrs. Elinor M. Davis Avers Horrid Rebellion Had Its Rise at Sealcote and Not in Meerut, and Gives Excellent Testimony in That Behalf.**

It has been generally supposed that the first outbreak of the Sepoys in the great Indian Mutiny of 1857 took place in Meerut. This is not so, as related by Captain Mark Carew, at that time an ensign with the Honorable East India Company and later in life on the staff of Sir Frederick Roberts in Afghanistan. The first rising was in Sealcote, and from thence the mutineers marched to Meerut, where the great coup and massacre took place.

The writer travelled over the principal scenes of this great rebellion, and had the company of Captain Carew during that time. The following miraculous escape was related by him.

Sealcote possessed a fine Roman Catholic Church served by the Jesuit Fathers. Adjoining was the convent of the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul. These devoted daughters had trodden in the paths of their saintly founder, serving the poor Hindoos in dire times of Cholera and famine.

They had a large school, where Eurasian and some low caste Hindoo orphans were taught. In fear and themselves to suffer martyrdom. But, mutterings of the storm, and resigned themselves to suffer martyrdom. But, when the rebellious Sepoys marched swiftly down to doomed Meerut, they congratulated themselves that Sealcote's white inhabitants had escaped. Alas, "and alas," short lived was their joy. Barely had three weeks passed when their old Arab gardener rushed into the Reverend Mother's parlor, crying, "Save yourselves, save yourselves, the Sepoys are almost here, to slaughter and kill." Pale and trembling the Mother rang the bell for "general assembly." With frightened faces, white as the spreading "cornettes," the sisters gathered round the Superior.

"My sisters"—she said—"The time has come when Our Lord who gave his life to save us, asks now our sacrifice. Come, gather the children and we must hasten to the Altar steps, there Father Francis will bless us, and by the throne of God we will give our blood to Him who gave us life."

Quickly the frightened orphans formed in procession and entered by the sanctuary door of the adjoining church. The heavy teak portal was hastily barred by the priests. The main entrance, also of teak wood, was securely fastened, but the upper portion being latticed to admit air, left the church in view.

The sisters gathered round the Altar steps, while the priests, robed in copes rich in gold and jewelled embroidery, intoned the Miserere Psalm. The din of shouting fanatics, the clash of arms, the frenzied shriek of "Deen," "deen," death to the Feringhees reached their ears.

Nearer, nearer came the hoarse voices, and then through the latticed doors were seen the dark scowling faces of the mutineers. Heavy blows resounded on the doors. Father Francis rose from his knees, and with unruffled mien ascended the steps to the Altar, and unlocking the door of the tabernacle placed the Host in a richly jewelled Monstrance. Raising it on high he blessed the now silent sisterhood. Then descending, he said—"My sisters, intone the ninety first psalm—we go to meet our victory." With slowly moving steps, two by two, the orphans and sisters formed a procession. In front Father Francis with the elevated Monstrance, on either side Fathers Ambrose and Bernard, the little chorister boys in scarlet and white, the children and lastly eight sisters, their wide and peculiar

caps making an aureola round their sweet faces. The doors all this time had withstood the surge of blows; the dark faces howling vile cries and curses.

Slowly, slowly, the procession advanced down the aisle. Sweetly came the words "Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day." A sudden silence fell on the sound outside. "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." The jewelled rays of the Monstrance gleamed and shone in the light of the candles.

All at once a frantic terror seized the mutineers. A cry arose—"See, see the God of the Feringhees," and wild and terrified the Sepoys turned and fled. Astonished, yet still full of fear the little procession halted at the doors. They beheld a scattered tumult of figures, hurrying pell-mell into the far distance. Falling on their knees, the priests commenced a joyful Te Deum. Oh! What a relief, what a joy to those fainting hearts. It was not death they feared, but the abominable insults that these mutineers had done to white women. Death was a welcome visitor, and not feared.

Sealcote never suffered another visitation. A detachment of troops in pursuit of the rebels passed through shortly after and to Lieutenant Cameron, and Ensign Carew, Father Francis related the facts of their miraculous preservation. Oh! What weary dreadful time, what heroes and heroines were born and died. How faithfully the noble Sikhs performed their part. At the time the writer visited Cawnpore—where the beautiful monument stands covering the well of death,—no Hindoo could pass by without saluting it. At the four entrances stood a British soldier on guard to keep the rule observed.

ELINOR M. DAVIS.

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**GUINEA FOWLS.**

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